

Notas del día

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### The “if-then” statement

We’ve already had some practice using the imperfect subjunctive. Now, we investigate some special usage. The “if-then” statement uses the **conditional** in combination with the **imperfect subjunctive**.

If <b>I had</b> a million dollars, <b>I would buy</b> a boat.	Si yo <b>tuviera</b> millón dólares, <b>compraría</b> un barco.
If <b>I studied</b> every day, <b>I would receive</b> good grades.	Si yo <b>estudiara</b> todos los días, <b>recibiría</b> notas buenas.
<b>I would</b> go to the party if <b>I weren’t</b> so shy.	Yo <b>iría</b> a la fiesta si no <b>fuera</b> tan tímido.

An important thing to note here is that “*si*” without the accent means “if”.

Another useful structure that ALWAYS uses the imperfect-subjunctive is “**como si**” (“as if”). For example:

¡Bailamos <b>como si fuéramos</b> el viento!	We danced <b>as if we were</b> the wind!
Uds. me miran <b>como si tuvieran</b> preguntas...	You all look at me <b>as if you all had</b> questions...